

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above identified patent application is hereby respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks. Claims 2, 4, 6, and 15 have been canceled and claims 1, 3, 5, 12, 14, 16, 19, and 20 have been amended. Claims 1, 3, 5, 7-9, 11-14, and 16-20 remain in the case.

All changes herein are consistent with the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. No new issues have been raised. Accordingly, the instant amendment is believed to place the application fully into condition of allowance and is therefore in proper form for acceptance.

The inclusion of a new art unit for correspondence, a new Examiner, and a new Supervisor are respectfully noted. A petition and fee for an appropriate extension of time is attached hereto.

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1. Claim 12 was objected to because it depended from canceled claim 10. Claim 12 has been amended to depend from instant claim 1. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

2-3. Claims 1-3, 7, 8, 11-14, and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (e) as being anticipated by newly cited reference to Eberle. Please see response to Office Action item "4" below.

4. Claims 4-6, 9, and 15-19 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. This is believed to have been accomplished.

The limitations of prior intervening claim 2, now canceled, and prior claim 4 (e.g., the indicator light) have been included in instant claim 1. Pursuant to the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter for claim 4, instant

claim 1 is therefore believed to be in condition of allowance.

Remaining dependent claims 3, 5, 7-9, and 11-13 further limit currently allowable amended claim 1 and are therefore also believed to be in condition of allowance.

Reconsideration of instant base claim 1 and dependent claims 3, 5, 7-9, and 11-13 is respectfully requested.

Claim 6 was similarly indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. This has been accomplished via instant base claim 20 which has now been amended to include the precise language of previously amended claim 1, prior intervening claim 2, and prior claim 6, now also canceled. Claim 20 therefore is an equivalent of instant claim 1 except it contains the limitations of prior claim 6 (e.g., the switch) instead of prior claim 4 (e.g., the indicator light).

Accordingly, instant claim 20 is therefore believed to be in condition of allowance and reconsideration thereof is respectfully requested.

Claim 14 has been amended to include the limitations of now canceled claim 15 which, pursuant to the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter, would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Dependent claims 16-19 were also indicated as being allowable if claim 14 were rewritten to include the limitations of now canceled claim 15, which has been accomplished. Reconsideration of amended claim 14 and of dependent claims 16-19 is respectfully requested.

The remaining amendments herein correct antecedent basis, as required.

5. The Examiners statement of reasons for allowable subject matter are noted.

6. The new grounds of rejection are noted.

7. The conclusion is noted.

Therefore, all remaining claims 1, 3, 5, 7-9, 11-14, and 16-20 herein are believed to be fully in compliance with the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. Reconsideration is respectfully requested and the mailing of

a notice of allowance (to the updated address shown below)
is courteously urged.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Risto A. Rinne, Jr.', followed by the date '2/8/05' written in a similar cursive style.

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